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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, KS, KN, JA, UNGA
SUBJ: KOREAN QUESTION IN THE 28TH UNGA: CONSULTATIONS
IN NEW YORK

REF: STATE 146532

1. ROK COUNSELLOR HAM ON JULY 26 EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO
HOLD CONSULTATIONS WITH US, JAPAN, UK AND AUSTRALIA
IN NEW YORK JULY 31. HE ASKED ABOUT AGENDA AND HOW
WE PROPOSED TO HANDLE DISCUSSION OF UNC. IT CLEAR FROM
HIS QUESTIONS THAT ROK STRATEGY ON UNC
STILL UNCLEAR. HAM NOTED THAT ROK CONCERNED ABOUT
ABILITY CARRY RESOLUTION ON UNC AND STILL TAKING SOUNDINGS.
HE ASKED MISOFF IF DEPARTMENT'S STUDY COMPLETED ON LEGAL
IMPLICATIONS OF DISSOLUTION UNC AND IF SO, COULD ROK
HAVE COPY. MISOFF SAID THAT REQUEST WOULD BE RELAYED TO
DEPARTMENT. ROK FONMIN KIM AT SEPARATE MEETING WITH
AMB. SCALI JULY 26 AGAIN ASKED IF ROK COULD HAVE STUDY.
AMB. SCALI SAID HE WOULD TRY HAVE IT AVAILABLE EARLY NEXT
WEEK. DEPT. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. HAM SUGGESTED THAT IN VIEW OF CONFLICTS IN SCHEDULES
AND DIFFICULTY OF ARRANGING TOP-LEVEL REPRESENTATION IT
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PROBABLY NOT GOOD IDEA HOLD CONSULTATIONS WHICH WOULD

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INCLUDE FONMIN. COMMENT: REAL REASON WOULD SEEM TO BE ROK UNREADINESS FOR TALKS BEFORE THEY REACH BASIC DECISIONS. END COMMENT. MISOFF, FOLLOWING TELECON WITH EA/K (PICARD), PHONED HAM TO ASK ABOUT CONSULTATIONS AFTER FONMIN HAD DEPARTED NEW YORK, EITHER LATTER PART OF WEEK JULY 30 OR WEEK OF AUGUST 6. HAM, WHO ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN FONMIN'S NEW YORK LOBBYING, ASKED IF WE COULD POSTPONE DISCUSSION THIS QUESTION TO LATER IN WEEK. MISOFF AGREED.

3. TOKYO: SUGGEST YOU TELL OWADA THAT JULY 31 DATE INCONVENIENT FOR ROK AND AUSTRALIANS BUT NOT REFER TO ROK RELUCTANCE DISCUSS UNC THIS TIME. WE WILL TRY SET UP MEETINGS WEEK OF AUGUST 6.
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